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## SELECT MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

AN Annual Meeting was held in Boston, on the 18th and 19th of May, 1853.

The following gentlemen were elected officers of the Society for 1853-54 :

<i>President,</i>	Rev. Dr. E. ROBINSON	of New York,
	Rev. Dr. W. Jenks	" Boston,
<i>Vice-Presidents,</i>	Rev. Pres. T. D. Woolsey	of New Haven,
	Prof. C. Beck	of Cambridge, Mass.,
<i>Corr. Secretary,</i>	" E. E. Salisbury	" New Haven,
<i>Secr. of Class. Section,</i>	" J. Hadley, Jr.	" "
<i>Rec. Secretary,</i>	Mr. E. Abbott, Jr.	" Cambridge,
<i>Treasurer,</i>	Mr. C. Short	" Roxbury, Mass.,
<i>Librarian,</i>	Mr. C. Folsom	" "
	Rev. Dr. R. Anderson	" Boston,
	Prof. C. C. Felton,	" Cambridge,
<i>Directors,</i>	Rev. T. Parker,	" Boston,
	Dr. C. Pickering,	" "
	Mr. W. W. Greenough	" "

The following papers were communicated :

*Ethnographic View of Western Africa* ; by Rev. J. L. Wilson, Missionary in W. Africa.

*Hindû Dialectics* ; by Rev. H. R. Hoisington, Missionary in Ceylon.

*The Leading Characteristics of the Civilizations of the East* ; by Prof. A. Guyot of Cambridge, Mass.

*A Short Chapter in the History of Bâbeeism in Persia*; by Rev.

A. H. Wright, M. D., Missionary in Persia.

*The Talaing Language*; by Rev. F. Mason, Missionary in Burma.

*On the Karens*; by Rev. E. B. Cross, Missionary in Burma.

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A Semi-Annual Meeting was held in New Haven, on the 26th and 27th of October, 1853.

A letter from Rev. D. T. Stoddard, dated Orûmiah, July 18th, 1853, announces the completion of a grammar of the Modern Syriac. Mr. Stoddard says: "I have undertaken to trace up the Modern Syriac to the Ancient, to show its connection with the Hebrew, and to describe briefly its relations to the Persian, Turkish and Koordish."\*

The following papers were presented :

*The Treaty between the United States of America and the Sultân of Maskat*; by Mr. A. I. Cotheal, of New York.

*The Languages of Africa, and their Relations to other Languages*; by Rev. Dr. J. C. Adamson, late Principal of the South-African College at Capetown.

*Some Points connected with the Orthography of the Zulu Language*; by Rev. L. Grout and Rev. J. L. Döhne, Missionaries in S. Africa.

*The Present State and Prospects of the English Language and English Education in India*; by Rev. Dr. D. O. Allen, Missionary in India.

*The Mode of Writing the Colloquial Chinese Dialects*; by Rev. M. C. White, Missionary in China.

*The Sites of Jotapata and Cana in Galilee*; by Rev. Dr. E. Robinson of New York.

*On the History of the Vedic Texts*; by Prof. W. D. Whitney of New Haven.

*Dr. Brugsch's Labors on the Demotic Character and Language*; by Mr. W. W. Turner of Washington, D. C.

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\* This Grammar may be expected to appear in the next Number of this Journal.—COMM. OF PUBL.

AN Annual Meeting was held in Boston, on the 17th of May, 1854.

The officers of the last year were re-elected, with the exception that Mr. E. Abbott, Jr. of Cambridge, Mass., was chosen Treasurer in the place of Mr. Short, whose removal to Philadelphia made it expedient to elect a substitute.

A letter from Dr. H. Lobdell, dated Orûmiah, Aug. 15, 1853, mentions his having "lately made a tour through Kûrdistan by a route for the most part hitherto untrodden by any of our countrymen." He "visited Arbeel, spent some days with Kûrdish chiefs in the mountains, and discovered a basalt pillar hitherto unknown since the Christian era, cut with cuneiform characters and important for various historical reasons." Dr. L. proposes to report to the Society his observations on this tour.

A letter from Mr. J. R. Logan, dated Pinang, Nov. 17, 1853, contains the following suggestion. "One of the chief desiderata at this time, in Eastern ethnology, is a comparative grammar of the Dravirian or non-Arian languages and dialects of India. As soon as missionaries have published sufficient details for particular dialects, some competent cultivator of them should prepare such a grammar, using Roman and not native characters, and giving interlined or word for word translations of all examples illustrative of collocation, structure, etc. . . . . There are now abundance of materials in English and German for such a grammar of the Dravirian languages."

The following papers were presented :

*An Essay on the seven Mu'allakahs, with Notices of their Authors ;*  
by Prof. E. E. Salisbury of New Haven.

*On the Origin of the Pelasgians ;* by Dr. J. G. Günther of Roxbury, Mass.

*The Prussian Expedition to Egypt under Lepsius, and its Results ;*  
by Prof. W. D. Whitney of New Haven.

The following were reported to the Society, but for want of time not read :

*The Transmigrations of Gautama ;* compiled from the Burmese by Mrs. H. M. Mason.

*The Armenian Tradition as to the Resting-Place of Noah's Ark*; by Rev. H. G. O. Dwight, Missionary in Turkey. Also, a *Translation from Mesrop's Armenian Grammar*, in which the attempt is made to prove that the Armenian language was the original language of the human race; by the same.

*A Grammar of the Modern Syriac Language, as spoken in Orontiah, Persia, and in Koordistan*; by Rev. D. T. Stoddard, Missionary in Persia.

*A Letter on some Recent Discoveries at Koyunjik*; by Dr. H. Lobdell, Missionary at Mosul.